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His Eminence, Terence Cardinal Cooke, Guest Speaker At Men's Club Friday Night Service, November 19 - 8:30 P.M.

His Eminence, Terence Cardinal Cooke, tenth Bishop and seventh Archbishop of the See of New York, will be the guest speaker at the Friday night service sponsored by the Men's Club on November 19.

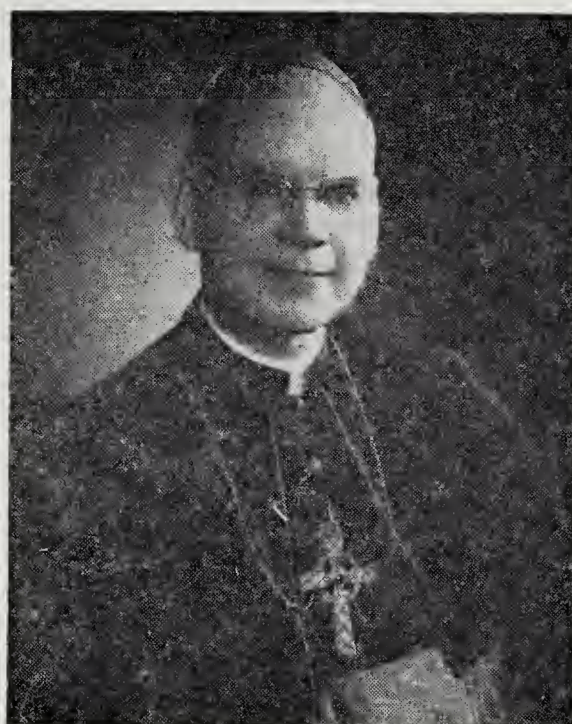
Men's Club Officers To participate in Service

Dr. Arthur Gerwin, who was involved in making arrangements for Cardinal Cooke's visit to our synagogue, and is a former president of the Men's Club, and Dr. Ernest S. Barash, president of the Club, will sit as Gabbaim on the pulpit during the service. Mr. Leo Silverman, chairman of arrangements, is supervising details of the evening and the *Oneg Shabbat* to follow.

Ordained in 1945

By Francis Cardinal Spellman

A native New Yorker, Cardinal Cooke was educated at St. Joseph's Seminary and was ordained by his predecessor, Francis Cardinal Spellman in 1945. After two years of parish work, he was assigned to graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. where he obtained a Masters Degree in Social Science. Subsequently he taught at Fordham University School of Social



His Eminence
Terence Cardinal Cooke

Service and served as Procurator of St. Joseph's Seminary. After serving as personal secretary to Francis Cardinal Spellman he was appointed Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese in 1958 and Vicar General in 1965. In the same year, he was designated Auxiliary Bishop of New York and Titular Bishop of Summa and was consecrated in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in 1965. Three years later he was appointed Archbishop of New York and at the same time he was named

Military Vicar for all the men and women in the Armed Forces and their families.

In April, 1969, Pope Paul VI announced his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals which took place in Rome.

Served on National Commission On Causes and Prevention Of Violence

Cardinal Cooke was appointed by President Johnson to serve on the National Commission on Causes and Prevention of Violence and by President Nixon to the Task Force on International Development and the Commission to Study the United Nations on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

He follows in the steps of his predecessor, Cardinal Spellman, and endeavors to visit as many Service Centers as possible throughout the world during the course of each year.

Park Avenue Synagogue is happy to welcome Terence Cardinal Cooke to our synagogue and looks forward to hearing him on November 19. Following the service, there will be an *Oneg Shabbat* tea and reception at which members of the Men's Club will be hosts.

The Patrons Club Abraham I. Sherr Chairman

Since June, 1975 Mr. Abraham I. Sherr, former treasurer of the synagogue, has led the campaign to encourage members to become Patrons of the congregation by making an annual contribution of \$1,000.

In accepting his appointments, Mr. Sherr said:

"Despite stringent economics the inflationary pressures on the Synagogue are great. The simple fact is that our Synagogue, like so many other religious, charitable and educational institutions throughout the country, is facing a problem which is not unique — fixed or reduced income and rising costs.

"If we are to maintain the excellent Park Avenue Synagogue standards of education for our children from the elementary school through the high school years and for the adult members of the congregation and to continue the dignified and beautiful services and a wide variety of community activities, it is essential that we have the support of voluntary contributions."

Many dedicated members have become "Patrons" in voluntary gifts.

Many congregants have voluntarily become donors of \$250 or more. On behalf of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Sherr expressed his appreciation to these congregants for their voluntary contributions and for their spirit of dedication to the welfare of the synagogue.

We invite patrons to send their checks to Mr. Abraham I. Sherr, Chairman of the Patrons Club, at the synagogue office, 50 East 87th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028.

Mr. and Mrs. Club's Gift To Building Fund

Park Avenue Synagogue expresses appreciation to the Mr. and Mrs. Club for a contribution to the Building Fund of \$10,000 — the last payment of which was made September 1976. for the 1975-1976 pledge.

With a minimum group of active participants, the Mr. and Mrs. Club has exerted the maximum effort in making this contribution and hopefully will try to reach this figure again during the new year.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, November 198:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB SERVICE

TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

Oneg Shabbat tea to follow Service

Saturday morning, November 209:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Kenneth Brooks

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brooks

Friday night, November 268:30 p.m.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss

"THE BRAVEST BATTLE"

A discussion of the new book by Dan Kurzman
in honor of Jewish Book Month

Saturday morning, November 279:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Tanya Chalfin

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chalfin

Friday evening, December 35:45 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday morning, December 49:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Seth Tager

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tager

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak and lead the services, together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

ROLL OF HONOR: Contributors of \$1000 or More

Since the October 26 *Bulletin* listing of names of contributors of \$1000 or more was printed, the following congregants have been added to the Roll of Honor. Park Avenue Synagogue expresses appreciation for their generous contributions

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloom
Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Einiger
Mr. and Mrs. David Fogelson
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gelman
Mr. Walter Hirsch
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rubin
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Zanger

**The Building Fund Construction
Drive is on!**

**We Need Your Help.
Send Your Contribution Now.**

Sisterhood Presents Afternoon of Games

Sisterhood will present an Afternoon of Games in the Sisterhood Lounge on Tuesday, December 7, beginning with luncheon served at 12:00 noon. Please bring your own cards, scrabble, backgammon or canastra trays or whatever you prefer to play. We hope that you will invite guests and arrange your own table. This is a wonderful way to entertain friends who are certain to enjoy the afternoon.

Recently a reservation blank was mailed to congregants and should be returned to Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028 — attention of Syd Rothenberg.

Mrs. Saul Finkel and Mrs. Bert Simon who are chairmen of the day are planning an interesting afternoon. The price per person is \$10.00 which will include luncheon and prizes. Mrs. Herman Berger and Mrs. Jack Boneparth are in charge of the luncheon.

Noted Conductor-Composer Joins Synagogue Staff

Abraham Kaplan to Organize Chorus and Direct Special Choral Programs

Moving decisively to develop an outstanding music program, the officers of the Synagogue have announced the appointment of Abraham Kaplan, noted choral conductor to serve as Director of Choral Activities for the Park Avenue Synagogue. Mr. Kaplan promptly announced plans for formation of a volunteer choral group and issued an invitation for auditions with the simple statement, "If you have the voice, the time, the desire and seek the gratification and pleasure of being part of a fine choral group, we want you".

The chorus, to be known as the Park Avenue Chorale, will culminate its first season on May 19th, with the presentation of a full-fledged concert with symphony orchestra featuring Cantor David Lefkowitz as soloist.

The plans for the first year include a special Sabbath Morning Service, featuring classical liturgical music, a Friday Evening Service featuring contemporary Synagogue music. The three special programs were proposed and developed by Cantor David Lefkowitz.

Abraham Kaplan, born in Tel Aviv, the son of the late and honored choral conductor, Shlomo Kaplan, has spent a lifetime in the study, teaching and conducting of music. His early formal education was at the Academy of Music in Jerusalem, where he was graduated in 1953. In the years that followed he had the benefits of a scholarship at the Aspen Summer School of Music, pursued advanced studies and earned a post-graduate degree at the Juilliard School and was awarded a scholarship by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. He attended the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood under a Koussevitsky Schol-



Abraham Kaplan
Noted Conductor-Composer

arship and later became one of its choral and orchestral conductors.

Our new choral director has conducted concerts at Carnegie Hall, Philharmonic Hall, Tully Hall and the Juilliard Theatre. He has been guest conductor for the San Francisco Opera, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and a featured performer with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra for fifteen years. Mr. Kaplan is a founder and conductor of the famed Camerata Singers and Camerata Symphony Orchestra. Both groups have made recordings for Decca and Vanguard Records, including the recording of a Rosh Hashana service with Jan Peerce. Mr. Kaplan's songs for children are sung throughout Israel.

Other highlights in Mr. Kaplan's career include: a 1970 command performance at the White House for a State Dinner honoring the President of Finland, and a commission from Leonard Bernstein, with whom he has enjoyed a long affiliation, to prepare the Israel Philharmonic and chorus for the world pre-

miere of Bernstein's "Kaddish" Symphony.

A recent composition "Glorious — The Songs of Abraham" was commissioned by C.B.S.-TV and recorded in London under Mr. Kaplan's direction. This past summer, he served as Director of the Summer School of Choral Studies in Chautauqua under the sponsorship of the State University of New York.

Mr. Kaplan lives in New York City with his American wife, Davida, their three children, David Elazzar, eight, Dafna Judith, six, and Michael Joshua, a recent arrival.

We complete this terse biographical sketch of our new Choral Director by quoting the Senior critic of the *New York Times*, Harold C. Schonberg, who wrote of Mr. Kaplan: "The young, vital Israeli conductor, Abraham Kaplan, has real flair, and he makes music with exuberance. There is a feeling of real commitment in his work. Mr. Kaplan conducted forcefully. There was shape to his work and style". Robert Sherman, likewise of the *New York Times*, described a 'luminous' performance at Philharmonic Hall, "... Abraham Kaplan, the dynamic Israel-American conductor and his superbly trained Camerata Singers."

We welcome Abraham Kaplan to the Park Avenue Synagogue. We shall encourage his efforts and hope, in turn, that his stay with us will be a successful, fruitful and gratifying experience.

WANTED! WANTED!

Volunteers For New Choral Group to be directed by Abraham Kaplan

"If you have the voice, the time, the desire and seek the gratification and pleasure of being part of a fine choral group, we want you".

Call 799-3183

Men's Club Dinner-Dance Saturday Night, Dec. 4

Men's Club Dinner Dance, an event to which congregants look forward every year, will take place on Saturday evening, December 4, in the Lemberg Auditorium decorated to carry out the spirit of a gala party. After a reception with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, an elaborate sit down dinner catered by Newman and Leventhal will be served. There will be continuous entertainment and dancing during the evening with music by an outstanding band. Many prizes will be awarded and those who have attended Men's Club affairs in previous years know how valuable these prizes are—especially the grand prize.

Mr. Arnold Lederman, a vice president of the Men's Club, is chairman of the evening and promises that this year's Dinner-Dance will surpass those held in the past. Dress is optional, but cocktail dresses for the ladies will add to the glamor of the party.

Reservation cards have been mailed to congregants and Dr. Ernest S. Barash, president of the Club, urges you to make your reservations early by sending your check to Men's Club, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028.

Lecture on Zionism By Mrs. Judah Nadich Nov. 23

On Tuesday morning, November 23, Mrs. Judah Nadich will give the second of a series of four lectures on "What Is Zionism?" The course sponsored by Sisterhood takes place in the Sisterhood Lounge from 10:30-12 noon. Mrs. Nadich, always an interesting, informative speaker, attracts a large enthusiastic audience.

The price for the entire course of four lectures is \$5.00 a person.

**The Bicentennial Pageant
Sunday aft., December 12, 1976
Students of the Religious School
will present a program on the
contributions of the American
Jewish community from 1654
to the present time.
Details in the next Bulletin.**

We Take Pride In Our Members We Take Pride In...

Arthur H. Bienenstock, president of the Park Avenue Synagogue, who will be honored by the Real Estate Division of the UJA-Federation Joint Campaign at a luncheon on December 7 at the Hotel Pierre.

Joyce Arnoff Cohen, who has been appointed chairperson of Manhattan Organizations, Women's Division of the 1977 UJA-Federation-Joint Campaign.

Dr. Alan Davidson, who will have an exhibit from November 29-December 19 in the Exhibit Showcase in the Milton Steinberg House Lobby of his works—a *kiddush* cup, *Shabbat* candlesticks, a *Hanukkah Menorah*, a *yad* and a *tallet* clasp. Dr. Davidson has studied at the Jewish Museum under Moshe Zabari for the past five years.

Chief Judge David N. Edelstein, who was honored by leaders of the Federal, state and local bar at ceremonies marking his 25th anniversary on the bench of Federal District Court for the Southern District.

Mr. Andrew L. Fier, who was recently appointed chairman of the Committee of Religious Affairs of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Harold Friedman, who has been appointed to the UJA-Federation Campaign Board. Mr. Friedman is president of American ORT Federation and has been president of HIAS.

Dr. Milton Helpert, who was recently elected President of Gamma Chapter (The City College) of Phi Beta Kappa, of which Rabbi Nadich and several of Park Avenue Synagogue people are members.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Sponsors Backgammon Evening

The Mr. and Mrs. Club will sponsor an evening of backgammon on Thursday, December 9, in the Lemberg Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Capable instructors will be present to teach the game to beginners and to instruct advanced players on the fine points of the game.

Refreshments will be served and a social hour will conclude the evening. The price per person including instruction is \$2.50. Ruth Zucker and Elinor Billet are co-chairmen of the evening.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who was honored at a reception by the American Section of the World Zionist Executive upon the occasion of the publication of his book by the Herzl Press, "On the Arena—An Autobiographical Memoir."

Helene (Mrs. Philip) Shapiro, who again this year has funded a series of lectures in early November on "Own Your Own Life" conducted by Richard G. Abell, M.D. Transactional Analysis Institute of New York and Connecticut and consultant in psychiatry to Roosevelt Hospital. Mrs. Shapiro is a Human Relations Certificate graduate and friend of the Human Relations Work-Study Center.

Mrs. Moe Turman, who was elected a member of the National Advisory Council of the American Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science

Rabbi Harlan Wechsler, instructor in Philosophies of Judaism at the Seminary, who on December 7 will lecture on *Life Patterned on Piety and The Moral Law* at The Institute for Religious and Social Studies, a graduate school of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America conducted with the cooperation of Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant scholars.

Helen D. Wargotz, who appeared on Jeanne Paar's CBS TV show in October on the subject of "Suicide and our Youth." Mrs. Wargotz is a psychoanalyst and director of Professional Services at the Allied Teen-Age Guidance Service.

Mark Alan Siegel, our member, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, who was reelected State Assemblyman in the 66th Assembly District.

Synagogue Librarian On Eternal Light

Elizabeth Koltun, librarian of the Cohen Library of Park Synagogue will be featured on the *Eternal Light* Radio Program on Sunday, November 21, over WNBC-AM at 10:30-11:00 p.m. in New York City.

The program will be an interview with Ms. Koltun, who is editor of *The Jewish Woman* and editor of the issue of the *Response Magazine* which dealt with Jewish women.

Our Proposed New Park Avenue Synagogue

The October 26 issue of the *Bulletin* printed an article describing the improved facilities of the Lower Level of the proposed new Park Avenue Synagogue with its new 1000 seats Hall of Worship, Banquet Hall, catering kitchen, Sisterhood kitchen—to name only a few of the many modern improvements. Let us now take, one of the three elevators to the . . .

Main Entrance Lobby

The main entrance to the new Park Avenue Synagogue will be near Madison Avenue. A reception desk in the center will be manned by a receptionist ready to welcome guests and give any information requested. A permanent Judaica gift alcove will display ceremonial objects pertaining to Jewish tradition. A coat room with automated fast service rack for 900 garments will eliminate the need for a trip to the present coat room in the lower level.

Parents will have a comfortable waiting lounge for their school children. Mothers

and fathers who call for their children will not have to sit on the steps or stand in the lobby. And most important . . .

The Chapel

The Chapel, beautifully designed for *minyan* services and small weddings, will now seat 140 persons in permanent pews and can be expanded to seat 100 additional persons. Connected to the Chapel by an accoustical wall will be a conference room for meetings of the Board of Trustees and other synagogue committee meetings.

The Main Floor

The main floor will house the offices of the executive director, the synagogue offices and—extremely important—the mailing, reproduction and stockroom—a room which will make our operations more efficient and economical. And now to name . . .

Many Other Advantages

Two elevators with direct access to all floors, even the roof area; a dignified honorial wall and a beautiful memorial alcove; modern lavatories and rest rooms

for men and women conveniently located on the main floor; two enclosed telephone areas on the main floor.

Does this sound like an Utopian dream? It can become a reality if every congregant generously supports Phase Two of the Building Fund Construction Fund Campaign.

We ask broad participation from all our congregants. The need for adequate school facilities to meet the increased enrollment prompted our Board of Trustees to undertake to build this House of Learning. Its completion will be an inspiration to every member. It will strengthen the ties of youth to the synagogue and enrich their identification with Judaism.

We are now embarked on an historic enterprise for Park Avenue Synagogue. We urge your fullest cooperation.

Please send your contribution to Rabbi Judah Nadich, 50 East 87 Street, New York, N.Y. — earmarked for the Building Fund.

Rhea M. Ruttenberg, Editor

Retirees Group

The Retirees Group for *men only* meets every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Sisterhood Lounge. Although the group has grown in number since its inception, all retired or semi-retired men are invited to join. Programs include talks by members on topics with which they are particularly familiar and on current events. At a recent meeting, one of the members who is a professor of labor law at Baruch College, gave an informative talk on labor relations and strikes. Other members who spent many years in the business world asked pointed questions and told of their own experiences in the labor field.

At the meeting on November 4, Rabbi Judah Nadich spoke of his visits to Israel and illustrated his interesting talk with films which included the Sinai Desert and the Suez Canal.

At the close of every meeting refreshments are served.

Candle Lighting Time

Friday, Nov. 19	4:15 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 26	4:11 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 3	4:09 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10	4:09 p.m.
Eastern Standard Time	

Books Needed For Library in Israel

The American veterans of Israel, an organization of veterans who have fought in Israel's wars, has begun a campaign to collect books in English which will be shipped care of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel for distribution to their various libraries throughout Israel.

Books, hard-covered and paper back, (no magazines or text-books) should be in fairly good condition. They can be brought to the office of our synagogue. For further details, please contact Sidney Rabinovich — 110-23 - 63rd Avenue, Forest Hills, New York, 11375 or phone (212) 896-1102.

A little effort on our part could result in many hours of pleasure and escape from the pressures of everyday living for our brethren in Israel.

Reserve the date!

Annual Book Fair

Sponsored by

Parents Association

December 12-15, 1976

The well known author, Dan Kurzman, author of "The Bravest Battle", will speak at the open meeting on Tuesday evening, December 14, at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome

Congratulations

The congregation is happy to extend congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon the birth of a grandson, Ivan Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Leichtling

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rawitz upon the marriage of their son, Michael, to Leah Friedman

Dr. and Mrs. Kalman Selig upon the birth of a grandson, John Stephen Rubenstein, son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Rubenstein

Park Avenue Synagogue Expresses Appreciation to

Mrs. Letty Osserman and Mrs. Muriel Willins, co-chairpersons and the entire committee who gave so much time and effort to supervising the *kiddush* in the *Sukkah* after each service. They were assisted by Mrs. Charles Bennet, Mrs. Herman Berger, Mrs. Jack Boneparth, Mrs. Sita Simon, Mrs. Florence Spiegel and Miss Susan Wasserman. The decorations in the synagogue during the *Sukkot* holiday were artistically arranged by Mrs. Judah Nadich, Mrs. Osserman and Mrs. Willins.

A special word of gratitude to Mrs. Mark Yeckes for making possible the decorations for the *Sukkah* and to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Liberman for their beautiful bowl of fruit on the Rabbi's table.

Mrs. Manny Duell, chairman, and Mrs. Edward Peiper, who supervised the floral decorations in the sanctuary and Lemberg Auditorium during the High Holy Days.

Mrs. Jack Boneparth and Mrs. Isidor Hahn, co-chairmen, and the committee members who supervised the reception and the beautiful buffet following the *Simhat Torah* services during which Mrs. Herman Berger, Mr. Arthur Fine and Mr. Ira Lee were honored: Edna Altman, Sylvia Applebaum, Fannie Beller, Lillian Bennet, Juliette Dubin, Sylvia Fine, Mildred Finkel, Rosalie Friedman, Sonny Inselbuch, Beatrice Kaplan, Dorothy Kohn, Minnie Mittenenthal, Esther Oberman, Letty Osserman, Marguerite Rollin, Winifred Siegel, Sita Simon, Florence Spiegel, Muriel Willins, Helen Wimpfheimer, Vickie Wimpfheimer.

Mr. Philip Swartz, chairman of the Ushering Committee and **Mr. Harold Glasser**, our Ritual Director, who carried out the task of ushering and maintaining order during the recent High Holy Day and *Sukkot* services with diplomacy and skill. We express our gratitude to the following for their contribution to the decorum and dignity of our services: Robert Altman, Herman Berger, Dr. Samuel Bloom, Roger Felberbaum, Andrew L. Fier, Edward Kaye, Frank Moroze, George Schwartz, Albert Siegel, Hon. Marc Siegel, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, Abraham Stangel, Dr. Samuel Stern, Jonathan Stowe, Michael Stowe, Dr. Stephen Stowe, David Witty.

The Sukkot Festival

The design and beautiful decorations of the *Sukkah* on the roof of the Milton Steinberg House were the cooperative effort of the students of the High School Department and the Parents Association. Hanging baskets filled with fruit and vegetables permitted the fruit to be consumed at each *kiddush* and to be easily replenished every day. Students from all age groups joined in a cooperative effort to create a very beautiful *Sukkah* for the community. Nursery children drew artistic murals which greeted the visitors even before they entered the *Sukkah*. Elementary School students made drawings which decorated the stairwell and one of the walls of the *Sukkah*. High School students helped to mount the flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables that adorned the walls and roof of the *Sukkah*. Throughout the weekend of October 8-10, when the winds and rains challenged the fortitude of the *Sukkah*, Michael Weinrauch and Phil Gelman did yeoman work to salvage and help redeem the beautiful decorations.

Dinners Served in Sukkah

With the capable assistance of the high school students, the Parents Association undertook the project of serving dinners in the *Sukkah* during the *Sukkot* Festival.

Approximately 300 people attended with an additional 150 turned away because of lack of space. Initiated this year, the dinners were very successful — thanks to the efforts of the Parents Association and the high school students.

The following women supervised the arrangements: Joanne Davis, Ellie Frommer, Evelyn Gelman, Fran Lederman, Ruth Levenson, Betti Nackenson, Micki Pollack, Margie Price, Sephora Stein and Roslyn Weinrauch. They were ably assisted by Lillian Bennet, Edith Cherovsky, Laura Dell, Mendelle Milston, Judy Nadler, Cynthia Piltch, Raymonde Schroeder, Nina Wachs, Faith Weinberg, Evalyn Yudkoff and Susan Zimet.

Each evening members of the professional synagogue staff led those who attended the dinners and explained the rituals associated with the holiday. Our gratitude to Rabbi Judah Nadich, Cantor David Lefkowitz, Gordon Piltch, our assistant cantor, Mrs. Rahel Bloch, Mrs. Vivian Finkel and Mr. Peter Geffen.

Our thanks to the Parents Association who, under the chairmanship of Barbara Tananbaum and Faith Weinberg, supplied candy and apples to the children who attended the *Simhat Torah* Service.

Dr. Max Gruenewald to Give Inaugural Lecture at PAS Sunday, November 14

Series Sponsored by Seminary

Dr. Max Gruenewald will discuss "The Character of The German Jewish Community and its Role in Modern History" Sunday, November 14, at 3:00 p.m. at our synagogue. His talk will be the inaugural lecture of a series under the auspices of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America on *Great Jewish Communities of the World*. Dr. Gruenewald is president of The Leo Baeck Institute and Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn, New Jersey.

Congregants and their families are invited to attend. Admission is free.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

Mrs. Leonard Arkin upon the death of her brother, Richard A. Garfield

Mrs. George Crook upon the death of her husband. Mr. Crook served as organist of our synagogue for many years.

Mrs. Benjamin Gross upon the death of her husband

Mrs. Jack Hausman upon the death of her brother, Martin L. Greenberg

Dr. Luis Lamas upon the death of his wife, Eva.

Mrs. Abraham A. Schnee upon the death of her son, Joseph E. Schnee

Mrs. Gussie Winkelman upon the death of her son-in-law, Jerry Wender

Danish Students React To Park Avenue Synagogue

Last year a group of students from the Arhus School of Business Administration, Economics and Modern Languages of Arhus, Denmark visited a Friday evening service at our Synagogue during their tour of New York. In asking if another group may come to the service this year the school in Denmark sent the following report of last year's visit which was written by one of the students. Last year's service was the annual Consecration Service when new children in our Hebrew School are welcomed. Of course minor errors in the report are to be expected.

We print below the letter sent after the visit last year to Rabbi Nadich:

Friday, November 1, 1975

After the visit to the Danish Consulate, some of us wanted to attend the service at Park Avenue Synagogue at 5:45 p.m. to which we had been invited.

On our arrival at the Synagogue, the boys were asked to put on a black cap. In a synagogue the men must always cover their heads in reverence of God. On that particular evening a family service was held. It was a very happy occasion because the first grade students of the Religious School were welcomed into the religious community.

The synagogue was beautifully decorated and one could easily see that the members of the congregation belonged to the upper-middle and upper classes. The atmosphere in the synagogue was warm, friendly, and informal. The children, all dressed up for this special occasion, were running around, giggling happily. The entire service was conducted by a young boy of about 15 years of age. He read the prayers aloud. They were all in Hebrew. Rabbi Judah Nadich welcomed us from the pulpit, mentioning the happiness and gratitude which the Jewish people felt towards the Danish people because of their assistance to Jews during World War Two.

In the middle of the service the children — forming a long line — walked up through the synagogue to the pulpit. Here they sang a number of songs, all in Hebrew except for the last one which was in Yiddish. Then each of them made a little speech which they had prepared themselves. Among other things, they talked about the happiness of being Jewish, of going to a Jewish school, of learning Yiddish, etc. All this went on in an informal manner — the children were laughing happily and the audience was amused by the children. Afterwards the Rabbi talked to the children and gave them their first Torah (the 5 books of Moses).

A lot has been written about the vanishing American Jew and about the dying Judaism but one got the impression that neither threat exists. The fact that the little children are confronted with Judaism at such an early stage of their life, their knowledge thereof, and en-

Many letters were received from our members in praise of the services and the sermons for the High Holy Days. There were enthusiastic letters, too, for the brochure for the new building and the plans. The *Bulletin* is pleased to print a few:

From Dr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Cohen comes the following note to Rabbi Nadich:

"Enclosed is the second half of our 1976 pledge to the Building Fund. We, of course, plan to continue in each of the succeeding three years to match our 1976 payment.

"The plans for the new building are breathtaking. We are certainly proud to be synagogue members."

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From Joyce Arnoff Cohen, we quote in part from her letter to Rabbi Nadich:

"I have often said that, as a congregation, we are spoiled in enjoying a very high and consistent level of emotional and intellectual inspiration in our ser-

vices. This *Rosh Hashanah* you again proved that, despite high expectation, you led us to even greater heights."

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Mr. Seymour S. Detsky in his letter to Rabbi Nadich writes:

"Both my wife and I felt it imperative to thank you and Cantor Lefkowitz for what we believe is the most beautiful *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services we ever attended. The beauty and majesty of the service were never more evident to us than over the past few days and particularly during the *Yom Kippur* Service.

"I cannot help believing that if more Jewish men and women could appreciate the beauty of the Conservative Synagogue service, the attendance at all such synagogues would be constantly growing and more young men and women could come to understand the meaningfulness of the service and the ritual."

Space does not permit printing the many letters that are sent, but we are happy, from time to time, to print what our congregants say about us!

Anniversaries

Congratulations to congregants who recently celebrated anniversaries:

Mr. and Mrs. Mark I. Finkelstein
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard I. Gordon
Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Haskell
Dr. and Mrs. Michael F. Iancu
Mr. and Mrs. Samson Inselbuch
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaye
Mr. and Mrs. David Kluger
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Kogan
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stephen Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lederman
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Olnick
Mr. and Mrs. David Plotnik
Dr. and Mrs. I. Harvey Schotter
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Solomon
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stulman
Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Uffner

Sisterhood Future Event

Sisterhood Sabbath Service
Friday Night, December 10, 1976
Guest Speaker: Naomi Levine
National Executive Director of
the American Jewish Congress
Details in next issue of Bulletin

Parents of Bar Mitzvah boys will be pleased to know that the Ceremonial Gift Shop carries a fine selection of Tallitot and Tefillin.

Reminder!

Sisterhood Meeting
Tues., November 16—1:00 p.m.

Juliette T. Benton, well known
lecturer on books and plays will
discuss "World of our Fathers"
by Irving Howe.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer
Chairman of Day

Coffee Hour
following the lecture

thusiasm for being Jewish convinced me that Judaism is strong and will survive. The children who were consecrated were about 5 years old. It was very impressive to see that they knew all the Hebrew and Yiddish songs by heart. I could not help comparing these children with Danish children. In Denmark the children are not brought into real contact with the church until they reach the age of 13 and they certainly do not feel the same happiness, enthusiasm and seriousness for the church as the Jewish children seem to do.

When the service was done, the people in front of us turned around and wished us Sabbath *Shalom* (a good and peaceful Sabbath) and we were taken down into the cellar to have Kiddush, wine and bread. Downstairs we talked with members of the congregation and Mr. and Mrs. Gold invited us all home for dinner. We spent a very nice and interesting evening at the Gold's house.

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